



**Conference Call between American Lung Association and WisDOT
Monday, September 27, 2004, 9:00 a.m.**

People in attendance

Dona Wininsky, Public Policy Director, American Lung Association of Wisconsin

Janet McMahon, V.P. Education and Outreach Services

Casey Newman, WisDOT BOP

Jonquil Johnston, WisDOT, BOP

1. Overview of WisDOT's meeting purpose and WisDOT's long-range plan by WisDOT staff:
The teleconference meeting began at 9:00. Casey Newman gave an overview of WisDOT's upcoming long-range transportation plan, *Connections 2030* (C2030). WisDOT is currently seeking input on transportation planning issues from stakeholder groups and larger Wisconsin cities. Plan alternatives should be available for public comment in July of 2005. The plan is scheduled to be completed in 2006.
2. Gathering of input from the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Lung Association:
Discussion focused on the following issues:
 - a. Air Quality
Improving air quality is a national position held by the American Lung Association. They are concerned about the air quality in southeastern Wisconsin and they would like to see stronger Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFÉ) standards for passenger cars and light trucks. They would like to see improved air quality statewide, but they place priority on the Southeastern Wisconsin region and other federal ozone non-attainment areas. They noted they would like to push for revised ozone standards.
 - b. Alternative Transportation Modes
The American Lung Association supports public investment in alternative modes of transportation to reduce the amount of vehicles on the road contributing to emissions. The American Lung Association staff noted they would like to see stronger implementation and more ridership incentives for alternative modes such as bike paths, commuter rail, intercity rail, and intracity bus; however, they do not support one mode over another. The Lung Association supports increasing community awareness around alternative means of transportation.
 - c. Alternative Fuels
The Wisconsin constituent office staff noted their support for such measures as converting buses to low-sulfur fuels, increasing the availability and use of hybrid

vehicles, and greater use of clean technologies in government and business fleets. They would like to see more availability of alternative fuels such as ethanol. They noted people are not able to choose alternative fuels due to the lack of infrastructure (i.e. stations offering alternative fuels). They place a priority on making attractive and viable transportation alternatives available. They believe people would use alternative fuels and means of transportation other than single occupant automobiles if incentives were created and public awareness was raised.

The American Lung Association of Wisconsin staff provided WisDOT with copies of their local air quality position statement and the ssociation's State of the Air 2004 report.